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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The misspelling of "lattice and lattices" has been corrected. The errors are regretted.

Claims 26-29, 11-13, 15-18 and 22 stand rejected under 112, first paragraph, *inter alia*, that the claims contain new matter.

Claim 27 has been cancelled mooting this rejection as to that claim.

With respect to Claims 26 and 28, those claims have been replaced by new Claims 30 and 31 which are believed to overcome the new matter rejection. Claims 30 and 31 essentially state that the boehmite and pseudo boehmite is precipitated from an aqueous medium containing, as to Claim 30, crystal nuclei of alumina in the presence of a compound selected from the group consisting of basic aluminum salts, acidic aluminum salts, and mixtures thereof and, in the case of Claim 31, the precipitation of the boehmite and/or pseudo boehmite occurring from an aqueous medium containing organic polymer/oligomers which form lattices in the aqueous medium. As now drafted, the claims fully comply with the specification and the examples. Accordingly, it is believed that Claims 30 and 31 fully comply with Section 112 and do not contain new matter.

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 112, second paragraph, for reasons set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. The cancellation of Claim 27 moots the rejection as to that claim. With respect to Claim 28, which has been replaced by new Claim 31, the recitation of "said nuclei" has been deleted.

Claim 27 stands rejected as being obvious over Magee '526. In view of the cancellation of Claim 27, this rejection is also rendered moot.

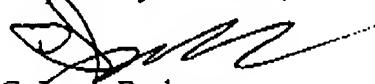
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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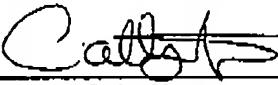
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